

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 14 for 2019



July 12, 2019

To Mayor Thompson and Town Council,

The goal of the Status and Information reports is to share relevant information in a timely fashion. The Status and Information Reports are distributed to the Town's elected officials, residents, and employees. Status and Information Reports are also available to businesses and visitors through the Town website. The reports are published in English and Spanish. The next Status and Information report will be published on July 26, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Walk	Saturday, July 20, 2019 9:00 a.m.	Meet in parking lot of 6250 Kenilworth Avenue
Ethics Commission	Monday, July 22, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Special Legislative Meeting	Wednesday, July 24, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
National Night Out Community Bike Ride	Tuesday, August 6, 2019 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Throughout Town
Community Walk	Saturday, August 20, 2019 9:00 a.m.	TBD
Council Work Session	Monday, August 26, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Legislative Meeting	Monday, September 9, 2019 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Employee Recognition

- Employee Anniversaries: Please join me in extending a sincere thank you to the following team members for their years of dedicated service to the Town's residents:

- Tracey Perrin 18 Years of Service
- Jose Quinteros 6 Years of Service

Best wishes on your work anniversary and thank you for your dedicated service!

- Police Officers receive awards: Please join us in congratulating Corporal Walch and Private First Class Harbitz on receiving awards from the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association. Both will receive their awards at the Maryland Chiefs of Police/Maryland Sheriffs' Association Annual Professional Development Seminar in September 2019.

Corporal Walch is receiving the Traffic Safety Award. This award is conferred upon a police officer who has made substantial contributions towards traffic safety. The award is not based solely on enforcement numbers, but on purpose driven enforcement that answers an identified community issue through a mixture of enforcement, commitment and educational efforts.

PFC Harbitz is receiving the Exceptional Police Performance Award. This award is conferred upon a police officer who has made outstanding contributions toward keeping the community safe by performing an exceptional amount and/or quality of police activity, developing and implementing effective policing strategies or tactics, or conducting a skillful and tenacious investigation of a complex and difficult case.

Council Direction Summary

The Mayor and Council provided direction to staff through the following Legislative Actions:

1. Motion to support a variance request for 4606 Queensbury Road for variances of 5 feet front yard depth and 9.9 percent net lot area conditioned on a Town building permit requirement regarding drainage system design (Ward 1) - ***Approved***
2. Motion to approve the proposed amendments to DSP-13009-15 (Riverdale Park Station) - ***Approved***
3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-04 in support of Main Street Maryland Affiliate Program application - ***Approved***
4. Motion to authorize a letter to County Executive Alsobrooks (et al) requesting County support of two (2) Town priority projects for the Maryland State Highway Administration-sidewalks along East West Highway and a pedestrian bridge on Riverdale Road - ***Approved***

Community Engagement

- Riversdale Historical Society Community Engagement Event: On Thursday, July 11th, the Riversdale Historical Society and Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) held a community engagement session at the Riverdale Park's Farmer's Market. The purpose of the session was to gather input from community members about an upcoming project by the Riversdale Historical

Society and NDC to develop a comprehensive landscape design for Calvert Cemetery and Memorial Park. Staff attended the session to monitor the results from this project.

- Volunteers Needed for Centennial Planning Committee: The Town of Riverdale Park is seeking volunteers to be part of the Centennial Planning Committee. This Committee will plan events and activities to celebrate the Town's centennial in June 2020.

Please contact Todd Sundberg, Program Specialist, at tsundberg@riverdaleparkmd.gov if you are interested in serving on this committee.

- Social Media Outreach: The Town's Social Media Outreach initiative continues to evolve and expand the reach in sharing information. The Facebook page is an important platform from which the Town can share important news, events, updates, and emergency notifications. We are nearing the goal of 1,000+ followers. As of today we have 991 followers and 948 likes. If you haven't visited, liked, and followed our Facebook page, please do so. If you already have, encourage your neighbors, friends, and business associates to do the same. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleParkMD/>



- The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) is also active on the following social media platforms:
 - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/riverdaleparkmd_gov/?hl=en
 - 249 followers
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/Riverdale_Park
 - 627 followers

Environment

- Yard Waste Collection moves to Mondays: Starting on July 1st yard waste will be collected on Mondays. Yard waste should be at curbside by 6:00 a.m. Residents are responsible for the following items:
 - Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or reusable bins that are clearly marked "Yard Waste"
 - Branches and limbs need to be bundled with rope or string (do not use wire), additionally all branches, limbs, and bundles must be:
 - less than 4 feet long,
 - individual branches less than 3 inches in diameter
 - weigh less than 60 pounds
- Recycling Collection – important note: Recycling will not be collected if the items to be recycled are placed in any type of plastic bag. Town staff have received reports that this continues to be a concern. Prince George's County requires that recycling be placed in a blue tote or in a reusable collection container that is clearly marked "RECYCLING" or with an "X." **NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER** (i.e., plastic grocery bags, plastic wrappers on soda or water containers). For additional information, please call 311 or 301-883-5810.

Development

- Kaiser Permanente - Placed Based Initiative Meeting: On Tuesday, July 2nd, staff attended a tour of West Baltimore coordinated by the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC (CKAR) and Kaiser Permanente to see the place-based initiative project, “Future Baltimore”, involving Kaiser Permanente and Bon Secours Community Works. This project involves multiple partners in Baltimore to implement programs in community, economic, and housing development.

The purpose of this visit was for community leaders within the Greater Riverdale area to learn more about Kaiser Permanente’s placed-based initiative efforts, as Kaiser looks to collaborate with public stakeholders on these efforts in our community.

- Riverdale Park Business Association Meeting: On Wednesday, July 10th, the Riverdale Park Business Association (RPBA) held its monthly meeting at Town Hall. The meeting discussed recent and upcoming development projects that will impact the business community. Staff attended the meeting to share development-related efforts by the Town, along with new information about the Town’s business renewal process for the new licensing period.
- Discovery District Working Group Meeting: On Thursday, July 11th, staff attended the Discovery District Working Group meeting with officials from College Park and the University of Maryland. The meeting included a presentation on construction and infrastructure updates concerning the Purple Line Project.
- Purple Line Construction Updates:
 - During the month of July crews will continue work on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in the area of the Riverdale Road overpass. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Temporary lane closures will occur.
- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit purplelinemd.com, find “Construction” and click on “Subscribe for Updates.” The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.
- TRP-RPS - Riverdale Park Station News: For more information on store openings, events, and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station transit and general websites and social media pages:
 - Transit Website: <http://www.rpstransit.com/>
 - General Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
 - Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
 - Twitter: @RDPSStation
 - Instagram: rdpstation
- Notices received by Town:
 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept DSP-19039; NSR Properties, LLC located at 3599 East West Highway. The nature of the review is for the reconstruction of a gas station, food and beverage store, and offices on the subject property. For more information, please contact Daniel Lynch at 301-441-2420.

- A Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) for 4-19033 Dewey East will be submitted for review to the Development Review Division of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The property is located at the north side of Toldeo Road approximately 700 feet from Belcrest Road and the nature of the review is to develop a mixed-use building with multifamily residential and commercial use. For more information, please contact Tom Haller at 301-306-0036.
- Upcoming Meetings: This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure awareness of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information:

Historic Preservation Commission: July 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://www.pg parks.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/07162019-284>

Planning Board: July 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://mncppc.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1481&Inline=True>

Board of License Commissioners: July 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/07232019-1345>

- Development Activities from June 17, 2019 to July 10, 2019

Permits: Building / Storage Containers:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Permit Inspections Conducted	0	126
Permits Issued	2	85
Stop Work Orders Issued	0	11

Permits Issued:

Permit #	Address	Work Description	Est. Investment
2019-B-81	5023 Riverdale Road	Replace existing window with code compliant egress window	\$12,000
2019-B-82	4504 Queensbury Road	Install screen porch right of house over deck	\$16,000
Est. Investment Bi- Weekly Total:			\$28,000
Est. Investment FYTD 2019 Total:			\$9,439,278

- Neighborhood Improvement Activities from June 27, 2019 to July 10, 2019

Community Standards Violations by Type:

Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish	3	139
Exterior Conditions	1	135
Interior Conditions	1	153
Overgrown Grass / Weeds	1	99
Safety	2	292
Sanitation	1	25
Total Violations Found:	9	843

Services Provided by Type:

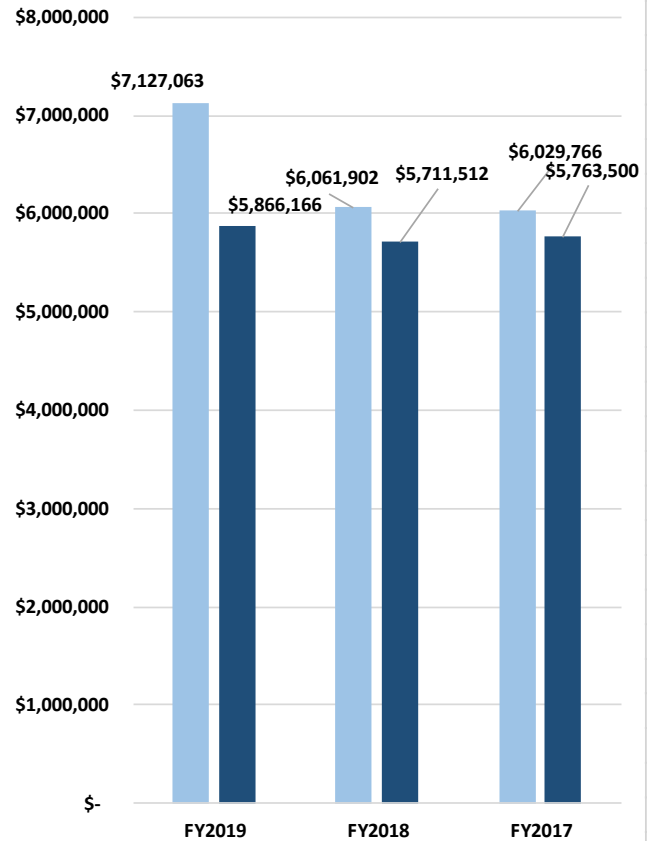
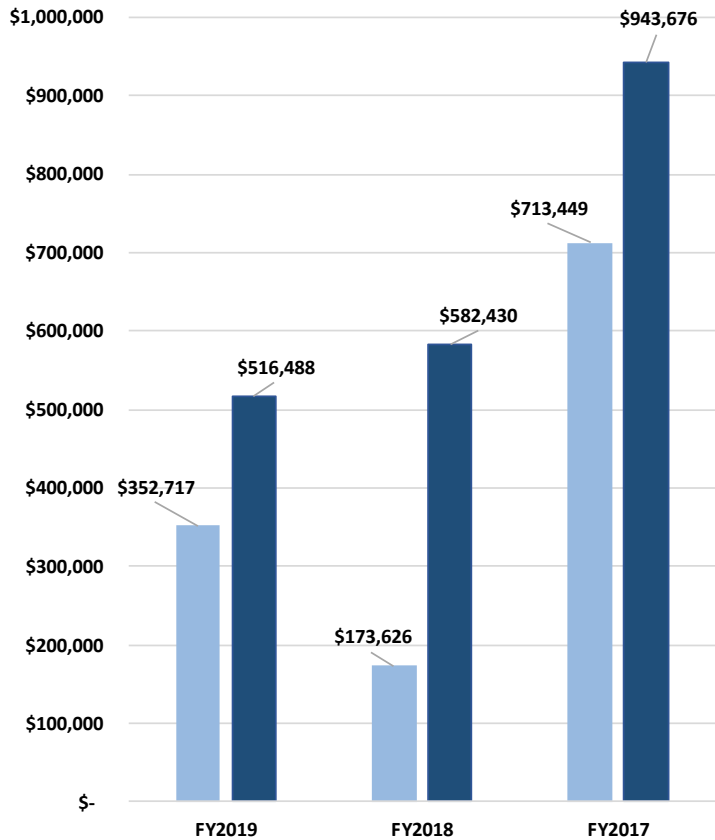
Description	Bi-Weekly Totals	FYTD 2019 Totals
Complaint Responses Performed	4	352
Fines Issued	2	14
Outreach Events / Meetings Attended	0	103
Violation Notices Issued	4	133
Warnings Issued	9	196
Total Services Provided:	19	798

Note:

1. "FYTD" means Fiscal Year to Date, starting from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.
2. "Accumulation of Garbage / Rubbish" includes violations pertaining to the storage of waste materials in interior or exterior property areas.
3. "Exterior Conditions" include, but not limited to; chipping, flaking, and peeling paint, graffiti, storage of inoperable vehicles, damaged accessory structures, driveways, doors, overhangs, roofs, stairways, walls, windows, and other exterior components.
4. "Interior Conditions" include, but not limited to; cracks and holes in ceilings, floors, and walls, missing stair railings, water-damaged surfaces, and lack of proper ventilation.
5. "Overgrown Weeds" include grass or weeds more than 10 inches in height.
6. "Safety" includes, but not limited to; damaged/missing electrical outlets, covers, light fixtures, carbon monoxide and /or smoke detectors, lack of escape windows in bedrooms, missing address numbers, major structural damage, and unsafe buildings.
7. "Sanitation" includes, but not limited to; insect/rodent infestation, mildew/mold on surfaces, uncleanliness, and storage of hazardous waste.

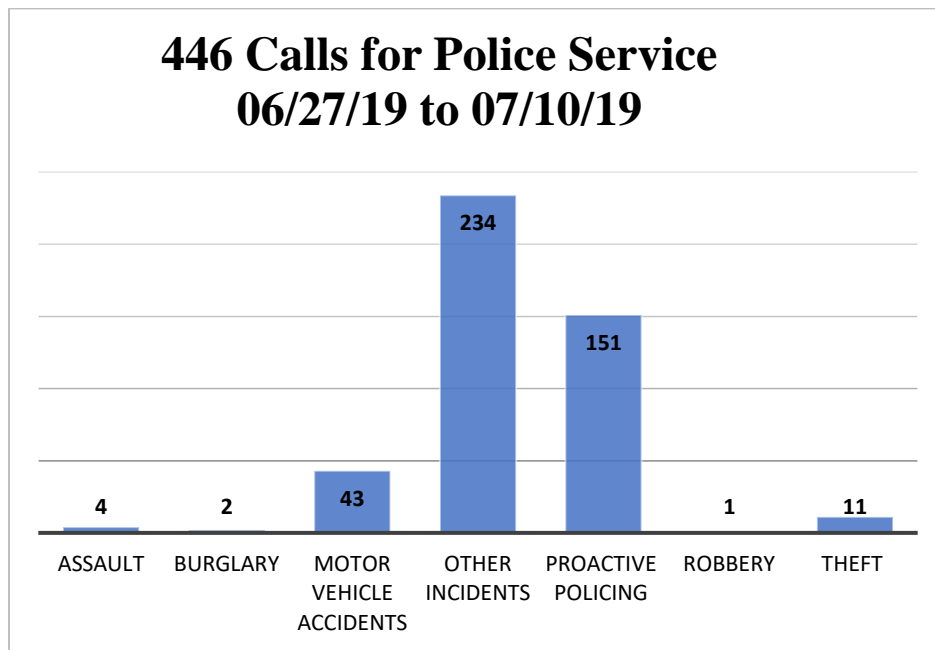
Finance

June			YTD Total		
FY2019	FY2018	FY2017	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
\$ 352,717	\$ 173,626	\$ 713,449	\$ 7,127,063	\$ 6,061,902	\$ 6,029,766
\$ 516,488	\$582,430	\$ 943,676	\$ 5,866,166	\$ 5,711,512	\$ 5,763,500
\$ (163,771)	\$ (408,804)	\$ (230,227)	\$ 1,260,897	\$ 350,390	\$ 266,266



Revenue =	
Expense =	

Public Safety



Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement; as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, and response to various incidents. Calls received for dispatch are also included in the calls for service total.

Staff are working to enhance reporting capabilities to more accurately differentiate between proactive police actions and responding to dispatched incidents. The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 151 or 34 percent of calls for service were proactive actions on the part of the Town's police officers.

Proactive Policing includes traffic safety, business and residential checks, field interviews, and quality of life issues.

Other Incidents includes disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and citizen assists.

Highlighted reports:

- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a theft from auto. The suspect broke the vehicle window and stole a cellular phone and credit cards. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with theft.
- Officers responded to the 5400 block of Quintana Street for an assault. The investigation revealed the suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. The Fire Department transported the victim to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect was identified, and an arrest warrant was obtained charging the suspect with 2nd degree assault.

- Officers responded to the 5700 block of Riverdale Road for a citizen robbery. The investigation revealed the victim was walking home when four suspects approached and demanded money. The victim attempted to flee but was assaulted by the suspects. The suspects removed the victim's personal property and fled the scene. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop for a registration violation in the 5500 block of Nicholson Street. A records check revealed the driver to have an active arrest warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for theft under \$1000.
- Officers observed a suspicious occupied vehicle in the 6200 block of Baltimore Avenue. Officers contacted the driver and observed a partially concealed handgun. The driver was removed from the vehicle and a probable cause search was conducted. During the search officers recovered a loaded semi-automatic handgun, 12-gauge shotgun and several knives. The driver was placed under arrest for the weapons violations and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers investigated a threats complaint in the 5500 block of Kenilworth Avenue. An individual made verbal threats to shoot police officers. Through an investigation it was learned the suspect had a registered firearm. Officers obtained an Extreme Risk Protective Order which required the suspect to appear in District Court. The court upheld the protective order and required the suspect to relinquish the firearm to the Police Department. The suspect complied with the order and surrendered the firearm.
- Officers observed an individual in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue who they knew to have an arrest warrant. The individual was contacted, an active arrest warrant was confirmed through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for credit card misuse and theft. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections.
- Officers responded to the 4400 block of Woodberry Street for a commercial burglary. The investigation revealed the suspect gained entry into the closed business and removed funds. The investigators are following up on potential leads.
- Officers responded to the 5600 block of Riverdale Road for a hit and run accident. The striking vehicle struck a utility pole which caused significant damage to the intersection. Through investigative means the suspect was identified and charged with driving without a license and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager